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SUBJECT: DETAILS OF FACIO "FORMULA" ON CUBAN SANCCTIONS APPEAR
IN PRESS

1. THIS MORNING'S (SEPT 1) PRESS PROMIENTLY FEATURES AP STORY
DATELINED WASHINGTON OUTLINING FACIO'S "FORMULA" FOR HANDLING
CUBAN SANCTIONS QUESTION, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM FACIO'S
MEMORANDUM HANDED TO OAS AMBASSADORS ON AUGUST 21 (SAN JOSE 2945).
STORIES ARE PRESENTED VERY FAVORABLY, SUGGESTING FACIO HAS HIT UPON
NEAT MANEUVER TO END SANCTIONS. PRESS STORIES BEGIN BY STATING:
"COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO HAS RECOMMENDED
A MEETING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION TO DETERMINE IF DIPLOMATIC
AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE APPLIED TO
CUBA". IN THE BODY OF THE STORY THERE IS A QUOTE FROM FACIO
WHICH IS EXPLAINED AS: QUOTE ...THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID IN
A COMMUNICATION TO THIS CORRESPONDENT...UNQUOTE. WHETHER THIS
MEANS THAT FACIO WROTE TO ARY MOLEON (WHOM WE ASSUME TO BE THE
CORRESPONDENT) AND SENT HIM THE MEMO, OR IS A "COVER" WE DO NOT KNOW.

2. COMMENT: SINCE SENSE OF STORY CENTERS ON BRILLIANCE OF TACTICS
ANOLIS FOCUSING PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE ALLEGATION THAT TWO
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THIRDS VOTE IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN, RPT MAINTAIN, SANCTIONS,

DEPT MAY WISH TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO BACKGROUNDING, WITHOUT
ATTRIBUTION TO US, A STORY ON THE JURIDICAL (NOT POLITICAL)
DEFECTS OF FACIO'S FORMULA. THIS WOULD HAVE VIRTUE OF HIGH-
LIGHTING PROBLEMS AND SIABUSING THE PUBLIC FROM BELIEF THAT THE
THESIS OF REQUIRING TWO THIRDS TO KEEP SANCTIONS IS A VALID LEGAL
POINT BEYOND QUESTION. IT MIGHT ALSO
SLOW DOWN FACIO FROM DRUMMING UP PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR
THE "FORMULA".
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